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		EP	0 229 977	07-29-1987	Stober, Helmut	
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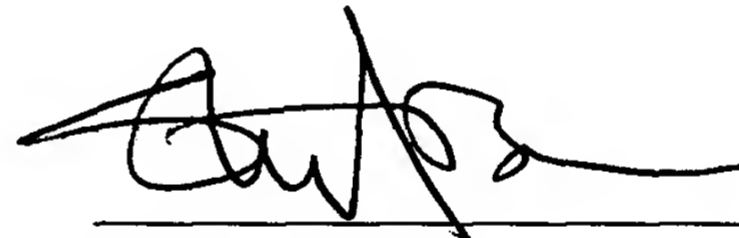
The cited art documents are in the English language, except for EP 0229 977 and DE 200 09 279. **An English-language abstract of the EP 0229 977 document is enclosed. An English-language abstract of the DE 200 09 279 document is enclosed.**

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